

RESOLUTION NO. 2416

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952(b)
AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
AB 361 (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e))
TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
TO SAFELY PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Olivehurst Public Utility District is committed to preserving and nurturing public access to observe and participate in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Olivehurst Public Utility District’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, so that any member of the public may observe and participate in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953(e) makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in local government meetings, without compliance with the requirements of 54953(b)(3), during a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency and if the local legislative body determines, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (now known as COVID 19) and that State of Emergency is still in effect in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to threaten the health and lives of City residents; and

WHEREAS, the SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant (Delta Variant) is highly transmissible in indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance calling for the use of face coverings and stating that the Delta Variant is two times as contagious as early COVID-19 variants, leading to increasing infections, the Delta Variant accounts for over 80% of cases sequenced, and cases and hospitalizations of COVID-19 are rising throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Variant has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of imminent peril to the health safety of persons within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, acting as a legislative body pursuant to Government Code section 54952(a) and for the benefit of the commissions, committees and other bodies that were created by the Board of Directors pursuant to Government Code section 54952(b) (collectively referred to as “Legislative Bodies”), finds that the current conditions meet the circumstances set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow Legislative Bodies to continue to use teleconferencing to hold open and public meetings if the Legislative Bodies comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure the public can safely participate in and observe local government meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Find that Current Conditions Authorize Teleconference Public Meetings of Legislative Bodies. Based on the California Governor’s continued declaration of a State of Emergency and current conditions, the Board of Directors finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, such that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow Legislative Bodies to use teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

Section 3. Authorize Legislative Bodies to Conduct Teleconference Meetings. The Legislative Bodies are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, and continuing its existing procedures to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) February 28, 2023, or such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of Olivehurst Public Utility District may continue to teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Olivehurst Public Utility District, this 16th day of February 2023, by the following vote:

SO ORDERED.

OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

District Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary

Deirdre Joan Cox, Legal Counsel

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District, Yuba County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 16th day of February 2023, by the following vote:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

District Clerk and ex-officio Secretary